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3rd ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY FOR WOMEN AND MEN

Sunday, December 10, 1989

Rancho Arroyo Sports Complex

(From Hwy. 50 take Bradshaw south; continue on Bradshaw 2 to 3 miles to Jackson Road; left on Jackson Road toward east; continue east about ¼ mile to Rancho Arroyo Sports Complex.)

Social Hour/Music	**2 p.m.**
Sacramento Women's Chorus/ Hors D'Oeuvres/Dance Music	**3 p.m.**
Sacramento Men's Chorus/ D.J. Jo Tierney	**4:30-7 p.m.**

Canned goods and money may be donated to the Hope House.

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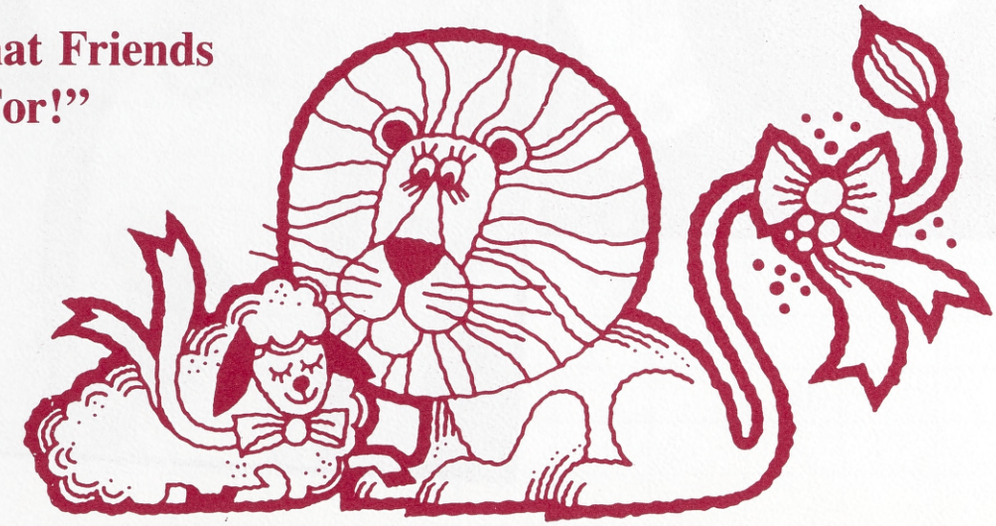

JANUARY EVENT

"A Song and A Laugh," SACWN's initial program of 1990, will combine June Millington and Over Our Heads. The dual event will be held from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m., with a Social Hour from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on January 19, 1990.

June Millington, described as "the Godmother of rock and roll," will open the 1990 SACWN program season with 45 minutes of her finest songs. Millington has been praised for her success in combining a hard-nosed realism with a passionate vision of music which reaches people's hearts and effect social change. Her songs embody this passion and insight.

The co-founder of the first all female band, Fanny, Millington has an impressive track record. In 1981, she founded the label, Fabulous Records, and initiated her solo career with the release of "Heartsong." The album "Running" followed in 1983 and her latest album, "One Road, One Heart," was released in 1988.

For a change of pace, the dynamic ensemble Over Our Heads will entertain. These four versatile women perform improvisational comedy based on audience suggestions, stand-up comedy, and hilarious pre-written songs. This comedy troupe, most often described as outrageous, consists of Teresa Chandler, Annie Larsen, Karen Ripley and Marion Damon. Well known for capturing the characters we know (and are!), Over Our Heads promises to deliver a quick-paced, funny evening filled with humor and insight.

Be sure to include yourself in SACWN's 1990 kick-off program with June Millington and Over Our Heads. See your there!

June Millington - Singer/Composer

Over Our Heads - Improvisational Comediennes

Holidays In The Community

Happy Holidays, SACWNites! The following are a few of the special holiday events taking place this season:

- Snow White Champagne Ball; December 16, 8 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. $35 in advance, $45 at the door. Linda Birner, 1725 L Street, Sacramento 95814.
- Metropolitan Community Church; Collecting canned goods, money for perishables and supplies, and new toys and clothing for children between the ages of three months and 16 years, for Christmas Baskets for families and individuals impacted by the AIDS and HIV virus. Call 454-4762 to help.
- Spokes Womyn Bicycle Club; Holiday Potluck Dinner-Party mid-December. 916/452-8372.
- Sacramento Men's Chorus; 5th Annual Winter Concert. First United Methodist Church, Friday, December 8 and Saturday, December 9, 8 p.m., 21st & J, $8.00; 916/485-7960.
- Lioness Books; 7th Annual Crafts Fair. Saturday, December 9, Noon- 7 p.m.; Sunday, December 10, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lioness Books, 2224 J Street.
- Crest Theatre; Romanovsky & Phillips, singing duo. Saturday, December 16. 916/446-6490 or Chuck Vickers 395-1663.
- Faces; 2nd Annual Christmas Ball; "A Disney Country Christmas" 6-11:00 p.m. Formal. 916/448-7798.
- *Cris Williamson and Theresa Trull,* December 1, The Palms. $18.50 in advance. Call 395-BASS or 449-5181.

Partner's Country Christmas Formal

Partners, at 2676 24th Street, will be holding a "Country Christmas Formal", which will include a buffet and will be free of charge to all who attend.

The event is Sunday, December 17, with doors opening at 7 p.m. and the buffet starting at 8 p.m.

Those attending will have a chance to make donations which will go to the AIDS Action League. The money raised will be presented that evening to a member of the Board. The funds will go directly to "Families II," focused towards women, children and HIV positive patients.

For more information, call Partners at 739-1850.

1990 SACWN Event Calendar

Event	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Comedy	19											
Valentine Dance		17 23										
Networking			16									
Nationally Recognized Speaker				20								
Picnic					19							
Gay Pride Dance						16						
Picnic							21					
Special Programs Meeting								17				
Networking									21			
6th Anniversary Dance										20		
Musical Event											17	
Holiday Party												9

SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

A written questionnaire was developed with the assistance of the SACWN Board and mailed out to all SACWN members in August. A total of 484 surveys were sent out with a return stamp on each survey. Forty-three percent of the membership returned their survey. The responses from the survey have been coded and keyed to a computer. We are now in the process of analyzing the data and will be providing a final report on the survey results by the end of this year.

We know that many of you are very interested in the results so we are providing some highlights on some of the more "controversial" issues that were brought up. The survey will be used as a guide for the Steering Committee to use in setting and making policy as the organization grows.

- 80% of all respondents are between 25-49 years of age; and 3/4 of that group are between 35-49 (baby-boomers!)
- A wonderful 10% of all respondents are women over 50.
- 45% of all respondents WOULD attend events if men were invited; with 41% saying they WOULD NOT, and the remaining saying they WOULD IF the men were gay.
- Another split was found with the question of whether SACWN should identify itself as a lesbian organization in flyers, newspapers, gay TV or other advertisements. 46% respondents said YES and 42% said NO.
- 71% of all respondents said they WOULD attend an event if non-lesbian women were invited. There were a few conditions written in on this one, such as: women who support lesbian lifestyle, advance notice, etc.
- 65% of all respondents said they WOULD attend an event if men were part of the entertainment. There were some conditions added to this one, such as: gay men only, once in a while, supportive men, etc.
- 74% of all respondents DO think that SACWN events are affordably priced, while 18% DON'T. However, there were a lot of write-ins among the 74% who indicated that although they could afford the current price, they believed that the price may be a problem for some and indicated support for the sliding scale fees. In particular, one respondent even said she would be willing to pay a higher price to offset the cost for others who might otherwise not be able to attend the events.
- The responding membership gave SACWN an overall rating of 7.5 on a scale of 1-10.

Yolanda Ortiz
Special Events Coordinator

VOLUNTEERS HONORED

SACWN held its Second Annual Volunteer Awards Dinner on November 9, honoring the women who served on the Steering Committee, their Associates, and volunteers. Those receiving awards were Joanna Cassese, Amanda Stennick, Patti Carey, Programs; Corky Fessia, Jesse McGuinn, Susan Goodrich, Theresa Cote, Judie Zuntag, Mary Church, Linda Ramer, Special Events; Judith Franks, Steering Committee Coordinator; Linda Killick, Administrative Assistant, Rosanna Herber, Ellie Zacks, Sharon Liberatore, Linda Kingsley, Ellen French, Networking; Rosemary Metrailer, Corporate Coordinator; Willie Nevison, Linda Ragnetti, Jodie Guenter, Marketing/Advertising; Lill Ordaz, Sally Rydell, Cathy Whitney, Finance; Yolanda Ortiz, Jane Randall, Special Projects; Lydia Roseby, Judy Ludwick, Joan Greenfield, Suzy Thomas, Terri McGovern, Newsletter; and kudos to everyone else who donated their skills, time and energy!

PLEASE NOTE!

It has come to our attention that all SACWN directories are not alike. If you purchased a directory that didn't include the introductory letter from Mayor Anne Rudin, please let us know. We will be happy to replace your directory with an accurate one. Bring your directory to THE HUB for an exchange.

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STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Retreat Recharges

A fresh breeze blew in through Cider Creek in Mendocino County at your Steering Committee's retreat November 3-5. It has given you a leadership that is refreshed, refueled, and ready to move positively for you into the 1990s.

After much soul-searching and forthright discussion, we redesigned the role of Steering Committee Coordinator so that it was a job that sounded doable, supportable, and crucial to the organization. As a group we agonized over how to fill it, and finally persuaded Rosanna Herber to take on the job gradually and on a transition basis. She really wanted to serve as Program Coordinator, as she was elected, and will do so at least through January 1990. In the meantime, she will take on some of the Steering Committee Coordinator functions, with lots of help from the rest of us. Hopefully, we will have a new Program Chair recruited by January to take up the position.

The Steering Committee is therefore looking for a few good women to apply for this important Program Coordinator position. We need women who have experience and/or interest in organizing cultural events and programs. We need your vision and ideas for future programs. Experience with public speaking is not required.

If you're interested, please call **Rosanna** or **Amanda** (please see Steering Committee list for numbers) **by December 15.** They plan to have a potluck for all interested program committee volunteers before Christmas. The Steering Committee will then select someone to fill this important position, hopefully by January 1990. Please consider volunteering!

Many great program ideas and interested volunteers are coming to light from the survey. Due to the huge response (over 200) and voluminous comments (even on many questions not set up for comments), it's taking much longer than expected to amass all the survey results. As I understand it, we'll all be getting a series of reports on the results, with continuing information, as it gets assembled. By next spring, we'll have an action plan from the Steering Committee in response.

Watch this newsletter for the scoop.

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Program Report

The SACWN retreat was an invigorating time for me. The new Steering Committee is full of enthusiasm and committed to laying the foundation to ensure the future of SACWN.

While at the retreat I made an important discovery. As the Steering Committee discussed the need for a Steering Committee Coordinator and defined what her duties and responsibilities would be, I found myself in an awkward position. Although I was elected Program Coordinator, I wanted to carry out the duties of the Steering Committee Coordinator. Previously the role of the Steering Committee Coordinator hadn't been clearly defined. In my mind, those duties of facilitating Steering Committee meetings, creating the mechanism for helping SACWN determine short and long term goals, and coordinating ongoing training and retreat activities were more in line with my future career goals. However, I didn't take lightly the fact that when I was elected to this position Joanna Cassese was displaced as Program Coordinator.

After an evening of restless sleep, I decided to follow my heart and go for the Steering Committee Coordinator position. The Steering Committee supported me in that decision and Joanna equally encouraged me to use my skills where I felt most comfortable.

Because of this change, the Steering Committee is looking for a Program Coordinator. I will act as the interim Program Coordinator until a new person can be found. If you are interested please call me (451-1682) or Amanda (441-4752).

On a somewhat related note, Amanda and I are hosting a potluck to discuss ideas for future SACWN programs. If you have comments or suggestions, bring a dinner dish and a drink to the potluck scheduled for Saturday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m. at 2641 Marshall Way. We plan to brainstorm for the 1990s and hope you will join us.

As this year ends, a special thank you is in order to Joanna, Amanda, Dana and Patti who worked diligently this past year to bring you some of the finest SACWN programs in our herstory.

Rosanna Herber
Steering Committee Coordinator
Interim Program Coordinator

Open Letter

I would like to thank the past Newsletter Coordinator, Lydia Roseby, for her energy and dedication in making the newsletter such a success; and Linda Ragnetti, Judy Ludwick and the newsletter staff for bringing new content and ideas to the newsletter.

For those who voted in the last election, you may have noticed that my name was not on the ballot for Newsletter Coordinator. My job as Programs Associate kept me busy bringing challenging and exciting speakers to SACWN as well as locating appropriate facilities for the ever-growing number of women who come to SACWN events.

At the October Steering Committee meeting I kicked around the idea of assuming the job of Newsletter Coordinator with Lydia who was thrilled (and relieved) because *no one* had decided to run for the position. Prior to the annual October Dance and Meeting I met with Judy Ludwick and other members of the Steering Committee to discuss my interest in the Newsletter Coordinator position. As it turned out, we discussed our ideas on expanding the newsletter in both form and content to include relevant issues beyond the context of SACWN, and making the newsletter accessible as a tool for the subscribership. With the support and encouragement of the Steering Committee I made my decision and will work to put out a stimulating and informative newsletter.

As Newsletter Coordinator, I invite the subscribership to use the newsletter as a forum for an exchange of ideas, current events, poetry, essays, letters, etc. I invite us to become more involved with the business of SACWN and more accessible to each other! And I'm still passionately interested in bringing challenging and exciting speakers to SACWN!

Amanda Stennick
Newsletter Coordinator

THANKS!

A special thank you to Shannon Morgan who designed and built the neon sign for THE HUB. Shannon is the owner of Plain Jane, a business that specializes in neon signs. Thank you, Shannon.

Letter

The Foothills Alternative Women's Network (FAWN) would like to thank you for your willingness to promote our recent Midsummer Dyke's Dream event, and for your delightful "review" of the evening. I'm glad you enjoyed the event, and we'll definitely keep you posted about upcoming activities. SACWN members have been very generous in sharing their time, skills, and enthusiasm, and we will continue to encourage our 200 readers to support your activities and special events as well!

Kathleen Russell
FAWN

SEGMENTS

❦ The Los Rios Chapter of the American Association of Women In Community and Junior Colleges, recently held its annual conference at Sacramento City College. The Association, which was formed 10 years ago, was established to foster professional growth for women and to provide training opportunities. The Association tries to hold two functions a year. The Fall Conference featured workshops on "Womentoring." For more information about the Association, call 449-7338.

❦ Sacramento attorney M. Jane Pierce spoke on "Beyond the Brady Bunch" at a recent U.C. Davis forum about changing family structures. Pierce explained that wills, domestic partnership agreements and other legal documents can help lesbian and gay couples establish their rights in the event of a death or disability of one of the partners or in case the couple splits up. Recent defeats at the polls point out the need for couples to use existing tools to protect themselves.

Though gays cannot marry, they can designate someone to make their health care and financial decisions if they are unable to. A domestic partnership agreement can serve the same purpose as a premarital contract in a heterosexual marriage — it can outline who gets what property if the relationship ends. Two areas of the law considered to be "gray" areas for gay couples concern insurance benefits to unmarried couples and child custody laws, which don't encompass the rights of non-biological or non-adoptive parents in a gay partnership.

❦ Congratulations Boston, Massachusetts legislators, who after 17 years of sometimes nasty and tedious debate, approved a sweeping civil rights law for homosexuals, the second statewide gay rights bill in the nation.

❦ The new congressional ban on federal support for obscene art threatens a $10,000 grant to a New York gallery which has scheduled an AIDS art exhibit. The show includes homosexual images among its works by 23 painters, sculptors and photographers which depict the effects of AIDS on the artistic community.

❦ A Defense Department draft report states that homosexuals trying to join the military have stronger qualifications and fewer problems in their backgrounds than their heterosexual counterparts. The study, conducted by the Defense Personnel Security Research and Education Center, compared 166 gays and lesbians who entered the military and were subsequently discharged because of their sexual preference, with 42,000 heterosexuals in the military. The report looked at school conduct records, thinking skills, adjustment to military life and substance abuse.

❦ Gay rights issues took a turn for the worse in California in the November 7 elections:

▽ San Francisco defeated a measure that would have allowed gay couples to register their partnerships at City Hall.

▽ Voters in Concord repealed a local ordinance designed to protect people with AIDS from discrimination in housing or employment. Voters supported a measure to repeal the ordinance by a margin of 56% to 44%.

▽ Irvine, a planned city of about 100,000 residents, passed an ordinance in 1988 to ban discrimination based on age, sex, religion, race, disability, marital status and sexual orientation. In November, Irvine passed a measure which removed the phrase "sexual orientation" from the ordinance.

❦ Harvard's Kennedy School in Cambridge recently hosted a conference on leadership for women in the political arena. They realized that women are not moving ahead as fast in politics as in other professions. Gov. Madelaine Kunin of Vermont presented a moving description of the struggles of women who live within the institutions built for and by men. Gov. Kunin talked about the inner skirmishes in a dual-value system. She spoke of the conflicts she fears may inhibit women from moving into and up in politics.

"We would like to change the rules of the game," Kunin said, "and sometimes hold ourselves back because we don't approve of the way it is played. But then we find if we don't play by their rules, we don't play at all.

"Women's voices must be heard as we debate, plan and decide the future of our states, nation and world."

❦ For many of us, the horrors of the Holocaust have been difficult to come to grips with. We have heard about the atrocities inflicted on the Jews, but few of us know of the Nazi crusade to exterminate the sexual "subversives" — gays. Recently, Elie Wiesel, the Nobel laureate and Holocaust scholar, spoke at a benefit for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the national political action committee for the gay and lesbian community. It was the first time in 50 years that the gay community and the Jewish community could share the pain of their memories.

At a time when racism, anti-Semitism and homophobia have increased, brothers and sisters of Nazi victims gathered to assert their determination not to let bigotry and hatred destroy this country. Now is a time of reconciliation and affirmation. Perhaps each of us can do our parts to help erase bigotry and hatred.

❦ Pennsylvania became the first state to overwhelmingly approve a set of far-reaching abortion restrictions. The vote is a boost to abortion foes who see it as a reinforcement of the Supreme Court overturning of the landmark 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision that protects abortion as a national right. Pennsylvania Rep. Karen A. Ritter, the House's leading proponent of abortion rights, commented, "For too long, many of my colleagues have been comfortable in voting against a woman's right to choose, because they always thought the court would be there to (stop them from going too far). That may not be the case any more, and we will all have to live with the repercussions of what we do here today."

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

BRIDGE

These lesbians are still smiling, so c'mon along and join us . . . Due to overwhelming demand, the Bridge club will have its First Annual Bridgeathon on Saturday, January 27, 1990, from noon to midnight. Entry fee is $3 for snacks, prizes and tallies, and must be paid by Monday, January 22. **All** levels of players will participate, so don't be shy! Call Vivian at 452-5727. December dates of play to warm up are the 8th and 22nd.

GOLF

Needed: A facilitator for next season's play. Call Ellie, 967-0611, or call Melody, 392-3609, to find out what's involved.

SINGLES ONLY

Happy Holidays to all SACWN singles! To usher in the holiday spirit and perchance to meet someone with whom to share the "holidaze," come to the tree-trimming party at Gretchen's on Saturday, December 9, at 5 p.m. We are holding this party early in hopes that all SACWN singles, even if they are new in town, will know friends to enjoy being with during the holiday season. For more info., call Gretchen at 922-6287 or Linda, our singles group facilitator, 921-9052. For flyer with map, send a SASE to Linda, 805 Sotano Drive, Sacramento 95833.

Help! We need a new Singles facilitator. Please call Ellie Zacks at 967-0611 ASAP.

ACA OR DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES

Working Steps 1, 2 and 3 has been a process to develop a foundation of preparation for facing Step 4. Step 4 states "made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves." December is the perfect month to begin your inventory, giving yourself the gift of self discovery, healing and recovery. Let go and let your Christmas spirit transform your travel through Step 4. See you on December 14 and 28, 7:30-9 p.m. Call Sharon, 454-6056.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

"Outdoor Wreckers" are on our own for December as we practice our favorite outdoor sport — Christmas shopping. But wax your skis and prepare for another high-risk cross-country ski trip on January 14, 1990. Call Ellen, 441-7962 for more info.

SELF-EMPLOYED WOMEN

The December Self-Employed Women's Meeting will be held on Tuesday the 19th at 7:30. It will be a potluck so bring yourself and food to share. Aerial, 452-5503.

METAPHYSICAL/SPIRITUAL

One woman's spirituality is another woman's metaphysics. If you're either of these women, come explore with us the Tarot on December 6 or celebrate the Winter Solstice on December 21. Our group is getting larger and larger — we have a really wonderful group of women. For more info., call Karen, 452-3091.

LESBIAN MOTHERS AND KIDS

Names are being collected to reactivate this group. Call Madlyn, 487-2726.

THE BOOK CLUB

"Yes, Virginia, there is a book group meeting in December." It's Sunday, December 17th, at 3 p.m. The selection this month is outside of our usual realm — it's poetry. Each member is to take one or more poem to share with the rest of the group. The poem can be original or from any other source. Interested? Call Gretchen, 922-6287.

SOBER AND SOCIAL

Sober and Social sponsors a variety of alcohol and drug-free events open to all SACWN subscribers, both singles and couples. On December 21, we will hold a Solstice Party and singalong. Call Linda R., 482-6118 for info. and time of the event.

LATE-BLOOMING LESBIANS

For our December social, we will meet at Debbie and Sue's for a potluck and cookie exchange, December 9 at 4 p.m. We will then go out for either a movie or dancing. For details, call Debbie P., 725-3449 and Debbie S., 988-0719.

RELATIONSHIP ADDICTION

We are forming a support group for women who go from relationship to relationship or who feel incomplete if they're not in a relationship. We're based on Robin Norwood's two books, *Women Who Love Too Much* and *Letters From Women Who Love Too Much,* and we meet twice a month. Do something for you and your future. Call Judie, 973-1141.

CULTURE CLUB

The Culture Club is off to a great start. We met for Sunday brunch, then a trip to the Crocker on one occasion and took in a play on another. Coming up, the Messiah and Chanticleer. Call Ann, 383-9257, for the date and location of the next planning meeting. Bring your ideas and let's schedule some special events for the holiday season.

DANCE

Fancy a fox-trot? Taken by the two-step? But, you say, Mother never sent me to dancing school! Well, Grace, here's your chance. Come join the fun with other ~~left~~ light-footed beginners. Country western lessons will be Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Ballroom basics will be taught Sundays at 4 p.m. The Place: Partners, 2676 24th Street. Call Patricia, 646-6482.

Special Interest Groups (SIGS) are really cooking! The SIGGY this month goes to our newest facilitator, Patricia, of the Dance Group. Remember, the SIGGY is the award that goes to the facilitator with the most creative ad of the month in the S.I.G. column. Sharon's award (ACA) for last month was a gift certificate at Lioness.

We did a lot of work at our recent retreat and are excited about the growth in Special Interest Groups. New potential group: L.I.P.S. (Lesbians in Public Service). Call Ellie, 967-0611, if you are interested, or if you have ideas for other new S.I.G.s.

Ellie Zacks

BOOK REVIEW

The Beverly Malibu by Katherine V. Forrest, (A Kate Delafield Mystery), Naiad Press, 1989. Hardback $16.95

Reviewed by Bonne Holbrook, SACWN Book Group

Thank you again to the doyenne of lesbian fiction, Katherine V. Forrest, for another good read! Ms. Forrest's style and range continue to grow and develop as evidenced by this most recent work.

The Beverly Malibu is set on the edge of Beverly Hills and reintroduces LAPD's sexy shamus, Kate Delafield, who, with her partner, Ed Taylor, are investigating the bizarre and sadistic murder of Owen Sinclair, failed movie producer and informer to the House Un-American Activities Committee. Forrest skillfully develops the parallels between the political "witch hunt" of the fifties and modern day homophobia as Kate sifts through clues pointing to a motive rooted in the aftermath of informing done during the McCarthy era trials. The book becomes more than a murder mystery as Forrest examines relationships 36 years after betrayal.

Love interest is supplied by the lovely Aimee Grant, "a brunette Candace Bergen," as Kate discovers new worlds of sexuality within herself. As usual, no one writes a better love scene than Katherine V. I highly recommend this one to mystery and history buffs alike.

Watch Lioness bookstore for an announcement of a book reading and signing by Ms. Forrest in the near future.

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RCDC SEEKS WOMEN OFFICERS

by Ken Topper

In March, 1983, a group of interested individuals with the assistance of Assemblyman Lloyd Connelly formed the first political organization developed to address at all levels of the political processes the concerns of Sacramento's lesbian and gay community.

Since that time, the River City Democratic Club (RCDC) has tripled its membership and has become a significant voice in federal, state, and local government. This has been accomplished through participation as volunteers on political campaigns, and by tracking and taking positions on legislation, raising money for statewide campaigns and individuals, and providing programs and speakers at monthly meetings which target areas of interest to gay men and women.

In 1989 RCDC responded with more than 300 letters regarding positions on legislation. Members continually support and network with other gay political groups throughout the state. RCDC differs from other political organizations because its location in the state's capital make the group a resource for other groups.

In the year ahead RCDC looks toward having a broader impact on the Democratic Party.

"It is vital that our needs and concerns are not just addressed by the ideas of people who may understand or who are sensitive to our needs but voiced by us, gay men and women," emphasized President Ken Topper.

There is a greater need however, and that is for the inclusion of more women in the organization. In order to effectively support the issues and concerns of lesbians in Sacramento there must be participation in discussion, and role playing either as a member or most importantly as an officer of RCDC. Nominations for Officers are being accepted through December. The time has come that we, together, must understand, recognize, and support our own community's diversity and by this activity we create a strong network — a network of inclusion, a network of empowerment.

The River City Democratic Club meets the third Monday of every month at the Lambda Community Center. All are welcome. For more information about RCDC, call Topper at 424-5254. To obtain a membership application, please call the Membership Chair, Lou Camera, at 689-3318.

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Pastor Freda Smith has spearheaded the organization's growth from a small handful of individuals dedicated to meeting the previously unmet spiritual, social, and physical needs of an often-alienated group of people, to the point that today the Church is recognized throughout Sacramento as a valuable resource for all people.

Next year will see a greatly expanded service base for River City Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) operations. Its current building has long been outgrown. More than 1,000 people every month take part in activities, which include daily AA, ACA, and Alanon meetings. A stocked deacons closet, qualified counselors, and recreational activities, use all space. The Wellsprings Women's Center occupied the front of the building until this past month.

Currently, a bond drive is underway to underwrite the purchase of the former Bank of America building at 3418 Broadway. These bonds will be available at 9% for simple interest and 11% compounded interest. The newly-acquired building will supplement the present building to enable further growth of services.

MCC's decision to stay and expand in the Oak Park area is one that is being echoed by many Sacramento agencies. Across the street from the to-be-acquired structure is the City's newest Art and Culture Center, currently being promoted by City Council members Kim Mueller and Joe Serna.

The community is invited to stop by and visit, as well as to take part in all of the programs and projects offered by River City Metropolitan Community Church. For more information about the bond drive, call Kathy at 456-8342.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Women's Rap Group and Social, every Monday evening, 7-9 p.m., Lambda Center, 1931 L Street, Sacramento.

Sapp-SIG — Lesbian Mensa Special Interest Group. (415) 256-9075.

Lesbian and Gay TV programming, Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Sacramento Cable TV Channel 63.

Women's Employment Service & Training (EST); employment and training opportunities for women. Sacramento Women's Center, (916) 441-4207.

Women's Dance, Lambda Center, $2.00 donation. Salsa, rock, ethnic. Launa, (916) 447-6270.

Spokes Womyn Bicycle Club, short and long-distance rides. Launa, (916) 447-6270.

Gay and Lesbian University of California Employees. John Bennett, (916) 457-3634.

Lesbian Rights Task Force; Kay, Lorraine, (916) 331-5036.

"Outlook" monthly Lesbian and Gay video magazine; Mondays 10 p.m. on Cable Channel 47.

Lesbian and Gay Friends of Animal Rights. Info., (916) 921-1391 or 372-1431.

Lesbian Crisis Line: Monday-Friday, 3-9 EST, 1-800-221-7044.

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If you have any "In The Community" news, groups, events or ideas, please call Theresa at (916) 452-8372.

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